

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 2238**

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, petition of John W. Scibak and others relative to the use of latex gloves or utensils by food handlers. Public Health.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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### **PETITION OF:**

John W. Scibak  
Michael R. Knapik

Jennifer M. Callahan

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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### **AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ALL LATEX GLOVES AND PRODUCTS BY PERSONS WHO HANDLE FOOD.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1      Chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
- 2      Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 307B the
- 3      following section:—
- 4      Sec 307C. Any person engaged in wholly or in part in the produc-
- 5      tion, manufacturing, processing, storing and/or offering or exposing
- 6      any article of food for consumption, and whose duties and activities
- 7      involve handling and contact with food at any stage during the
- 8      process, shall not use natural latex rubber gloves or utensils con-
- 9      taining natural rubber latex.
- 10     If the Department of Health finds, after notice and due opportu-
- 11     nity for hearing, that any establishment, group or vendor is not in
- 12     compliance with provisions of this section, it may assess civil penal-
- 13     ties in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), and
- 14     may be subject to any and all penalties provided for in General Laws
- 15     which regulate said industry, including revocation of licenses.